

VACEG
Holiday Inn Select, Richmond Virginia
Minutes
June 22, 2007

Members present:

Brown, Dorren
Fithian, Ellen
Foddrell, Sandra
Green-Flint, Jennifer
Greathouse, Judi
Grillo, Ruth
McGonagill, Barbara
Richmond, Kitty
Roalf, Sheila
Snyder, Earl
Sterbutzel, Diane
Swope, Lisa
Turley, Margaret

Jennifer Green-Flint called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Minutes of the May 29 meeting were approved with no changes.

The Virginia Plan for the Gifted Revisions Process to date was reviewed:

- The committee previously pulled examples of excellence from current local plans
- Kitty Richmond reformatted and restructured the organization of the old plan, including changes such as moving funding to the appendices, modifying language, updating definitions, and moving programming to the front of the document (before identification). She has completed a draft of the table of contents and the first section.
- Barbara McGonagill and Jennifer Green-Flint will continue work on devising an organizational structure for each section after today's completion of subcommittee work on the template.
- After today's meeting, the executive committee will work on its report to the General Assembly.

The committee discussed making the revised Virginia Plan available as an online document. Earl Snyder expressed concern that an online document follows a different paradigm than hard-copy documents. Ellen Fithian noted that educational documents online are a hybrid form, and most can be printed and viewed as entire documents. Ruth Grillo added that most VDOE online documents still are presented in pdf format. Kitty Richmond raised an equity issue, noting that not all parents/students have online access to documents.

The committee broke into subcommittees to work on the section template. Each subcommittee reviewed individual sections of the revised plan and completed background readings. Following lunch, the various subcommittees (identification, programming, parent and community involvement, delivery of services, professional development, and instruction) reported back to the committee regarding best practices noted in the research, as well as wording to emphasize and avoid in the final draft. Particular attention was focused on services provided in rural and urban areas, as well as to different socio-economic groups.

Jennifer Green-Flint reported on future actions, noting that Barbara McGonagill, Ruth Grillo, and she will use the committee's notes to prepare its interim report to the Virginia Board of Education on September 26.

Barbara McGonagill presented the DOE report. She said nominations for the committee close the first week in July, and that currently there is one nomination for seven vacancies. Nominations will be presented to the Board in July.

Ruth Grillo reported the US Department of Education has approved the fourth year of the Project PROMISE grant.

Member reports included the following:

- The site director of the SRGS mentorship at NASA is retiring, and the University of Richmond will host its last summer Governor's School program in 2008
- There have been several administrative changes at the Shenandoah Conservatory
- Radford City will participate in the academic-year Governor's School during 2007-08

Certificates were presented and appreciation expressed to departing members of the committee.

The meeting was adjourned by Jennifer Green-Flint at 2:15 p.m.

The executive committee met briefly to arrange times to meet in July/August to complete the interim report, which will be presented by the executive committee to the Virginia Board of Education on September 26.